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West Virginia Turkeys Raised

West Virginia -- Turkeys raised in West Virginia during 2004 totaled 3.2 million birds, down 26 percent from 2003. Growers' intentions for 2005 are to raise the same number of birds.

United States -- Turkeys raised in the United States during 2004 totaled 264 million birds, down 4 percent from the 274 million raised in 2003.

Minnesota ranked first in the number raised with 46.5 million, followed by North Carolina with 39.0 million, Arkansas with 28.5 million, Missouri with 21.5 million, Virginia with 19.7 million, California with 15.7 million, and Indiana with 13.3 million. These States accounted for 70 percent of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2004.

Turkey Growers Plan 2 Percent Decrease in 2005

Turkey growers in 23 States intend to decrease the number of birds raised by 2 percent in 2005. These states produced over 99% of the turkeys raised in 2004. Intentions for the top seven producing States compared with 2004 are as follows: Minnesota up 2 percent, North Carolina down 5 percent, Arkansas down 2 percent, Missouri up 5 percent, Virginia up 2 percent, California down 4 percent, and Indiana up 2 percent.

The number of turkeys actually raised in 2005 may vary from growers' intentions shown in this report depending on feed costs, supply of hatching eggs, cost of poults, and prices growers receive for turkeys during the next few months.